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Sir:

In compliance with Rules 1.97 and 1.98, and in ful-fillment of the duty of disclosure under Rule 1.56, the accompanying documents, copies of which are attached to this statement, are made of record on the enclosed sheet.

A concise explanation of the relevance of these items is that these references were cited by the Great Britain Patent Office in the corresponding British application Serial No. 0130106.8. A copy of the Great Britain Official Action in which they were cited is attached hereto.

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